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**BEFORE THE ARIZONA POWER PLANT  
AND TRANSMISSION LINE SITING COMMITTEE**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF SOUTHLINE TRANSMISSION, L.L.C., IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES 40-360, ET SEQ., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AUTHORIZING CONSTRUCTION OF THE NON-WAPA-OWNED ARIZONA PORTIONS OF THE SOUTHLINE TRANSMISSION PROJECT, INCLUDING A NEW APPROXIMATELY 66-MILE 345-KV TRANSMISSION LINE IN COCHISE COUNTY FROM THE ARIZONA-NEW MEXICO BORDER TO THE PROPOSED SOUTHLINE APACHE SUBSTATION, THE ASSOCIATED FACILITIES TO CONNECT THE SOUTHLINE APACHE SUBSTATION TO THE ADJACENT AEP CO APACHE SUBSTATION, AND APPROXIMATELY 5 MILES OF NEW 138-KV AND 230-KV TRANSMISSION LINES AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES TO CONNECT THE EXISTING PANTANO, VAIL, DEMOSS PETRIE, AND TORTOLITA SUBSTATIONS TO THE UPGRADED WAPA-OWNED 230-KV APACHE-TUCSON AND TUCSON-SAGUARO TRANSMISSION LINES IN PIMA AND PINAL COUNTIES

Docket No.  
L-00000AAA-16-0370-00173

Case No. 173

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**NOTICE OF HEARING**

**A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD** before the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee (“Committee”) regarding the Joint Application to Amend Decision No. 75978 which approved the Certificate of Environmental Compatibility in Line Siting Case No. 173 (“CEC 173”) together with the Supplement to Joint Application to Amend Decision No. 75978 (collectively the “Application to Amend”) filed by Tucson Electric Power Company and Southline Transmission L.L.C. (“Applicants”). The Application to Amend requests modification of CEC 173 to permit Tucson Electric Power Company (“TEP”) to own, construct, and operate one of two

1 planned 230kV circuits along a 64-mile long segment (the “Vail to Tortolita  
2 Segment”) of the Southline Transmission Line. A map of the Vail to Tortolita  
3 Segment (sometimes referred to below as the “Project”) is attached as **Exhibit A**.

4 The Vail to Tortolita Segment is currently owned by the Western Area Power  
5 Administration (“WAPA”) and is not included within the authorization provided in  
6 CEC 173. As noted above, the Applicants have requested that the Arizona Corporation  
7 Commission (“ACC”) amend CEC 173 to permit TEP to own, construct and operate  
8 the Vail to Tortolita Segment which is within the 121-mile section of line owned and  
9 operated by WAPA and referred to in CEC 173 as the “Upgrade Section.” In response  
10 to the Application to Amend, the ACC referred this matter back to the Committee for  
11 an evidentiary hearing to obtain testimony on all issues raised by the Application to  
12 Amend.

13 The hearing on the Application to Amend will commence at the Doubletree  
14 Hotel, 445 S. Alvernon Way, Tucson, AZ 85711, on December 1, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.  
15 The hearing will continue on December 2, 2020, December 3, 2020, and December 4,  
16 2020, as necessary, beginning at 9:00 a.m. on each day. If necessary, the hearing will  
17 continue on December 7, 2020 at 1:00 p.m., and December 8, 2020, December 9,  
18 2020, December 10, 2020, and December 11, 2020, as necessary, beginning at 9:00  
19 a.m. on each day. **DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, THE PUBLIC IS**  
20 **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE BY EITHER WATCHING**  
21 **THE MEETING ONLINE OR LISTENING TO THE MEETING VIA**  
22 **TELEPHONE, RATHER THAN ATTENDING IN PERSON.** At least 24 hours in  
23 advance of the hearing, information regarding online and telephone hearing access will  
24 be posted on the Project website at <https://www.tep.com/vail-to-tortolita/> and available  
25 by calling 833-310-1668.

26 No tour of the Project area is planned by the Chairman at this time. If the  
27 Chairman or Committee later decide to conduct a tour, notice that includes a map and  
28 itinerary of any such tour will be available at the hearing and posted on the Project

1 website at <https://www.tep.com/vail-to-tortolita/> and the Arizona Corporation  
2 Commission (“ACC”) website at: <https://azcc.gov/arizona-power-plant/meeting->  
3 [schedule](https://azcc.gov/arizona-power-plant/meeting-schedule).

4 **PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE TAKEN IN A SPECIAL EVENING**  
5 **SESSION ON DECEMBER 1, 2020, BEGINNING AT 5:30 P.M., VIA**  
6 **TELEPHONE OR IN PERSON, AT THE DOUBLETREE HOTEL, 445 S.**  
7 **ALVERNON WAY, TUCSON, AZ 85711. PUBLIC COMMENT MAY BE**  
8 **TAKEN AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH HEARING DAY, OR AT OTHER**  
9 **TIMES DURING THE HEARING, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE**  
10 **CHAIRMAN. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT MASKS WILL BE REQUIRED**  
11 **AND IN-PERSON ACCESS WILL BE RESTRICTED IN ACCORDANCE**  
12 **WITH APPLICABLE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS. FURTHER**  
13 **RESTRICTIONS ON PUBLIC ACCESS, ADDITIONAL SAFETY**  
14 **PROTOCOLS, AND REVISIONS TO THE HEARING SCHEDULE MAY**  
15 **OCCUR DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH CONSIDERATIONS.**

16 Additional details regarding COVID-19 safety protocols and any revisions to  
17 the hearing schedule will be noticed on the Project website at  
18 <https://www.tep.com/vail-to-tortolita/> and on the ACC website at:  
19 <https://azcc.gov/arizona-power-plant/meeting-schedule>, and can also be obtained by  
20 calling 833-310-1668. The Chairman may, at his discretion, recess the hearing to a  
21 time and place to be announced during the hearing or to be determined after the recess.  
22 The date, time, and place at which the hearing will be resumed will be posted on the  
23 above-noted Project website and the ACC website. **NOTE: NOTICE OF ANY**  
24 **SUCH RESUMED HEARING WILL BE GIVEN; HOWEVER, PUBLISHED**  
25 **NOTICE OF SUCH A RESUMED HEARING IS NOT REQUIRED.**

26 Maps and detailed information about the Project are contained in the  
27 Application to Amend, which is available at the Project website at  
28 <https://www.tep.com/vail-to-tortolita/>. The Application to Amend can also be

1 accessed on the ACC website, <https://www.azcc.gov>, by selecting “Cases and Open  
2 Meetings,” select “Find a Case in eDocket,” select “Search,” select “Docket Search,”  
3 and the insert the Company Name and Docket Number or Year-Matter. Please call  
4 833-310-1668 for alternative access to the Application. The Applicants will make  
5 available final copies of the prehearing conference and hearing transcripts on the  
6 Project and ACC websites referenced above.

7 Each county, municipal government, and state agency interested in the Project  
8 that desires to be a party to the proceedings shall, not less than ten days before  
9 December 1, 2020, file a Notice of Intent to Become a Party with the Director of  
10 Utilities, ACC, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007.

11 Any domestic non-profit corporation or association formed in whole or in part  
12 to promote conservation or natural beauty; to protect the environment, personal health  
13 or other biological values; to preserve historical sites; to promote consumer interests;  
14 to represent commercial and industrial groups; or to promote the orderly development  
15 of the area in which the Project is located that desires to become a party to the  
16 proceedings shall, not less than 10 days before December 1, 2020, file a Notice of  
17 Intent to Become a Party with the Director of Utilities, ACC, 1200 West Washington  
18 Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007.

19 The Committee or the Chairman, at any time deemed appropriate, may make  
20 other persons parties to the proceedings. Any person may make a limited appearance at  
21 a hearing by filing a statement in writing with the Director of Utilities, ACC, 1200  
22 West Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007, not less than five days before December  
23 1, 2020. A person making a limited appearance will not be a party or have the right to  
24 present testimony or cross-examine witnesses.

25 This proceeding is governed by A.R.S. § 40-252, Decision No. 77755, A.R.S.  
26 §§ 40-360 to 40-360.13, and Arizona Administrative Code Rules R14-3-201 to R14-3-  
27 220. The Committee will take evidence on the Application to Amend to make findings  
28 of fact and conclusions of law concerning the proposed amendment of CEC 173 and

1 other issues raised by the Application to Amend. No substantive communication not in  
2 the public record may be made to any member of the Committee. The written decision  
3 of the Committee will be submitted to the ACC pursuant to Decision No. 77755 to  
4 allow the ACC to enter a final decision on the Application to Amend. Any person  
5 intending to be a party to the proceeding on the matter before the ACC must be a party  
6 to the proceedings before the Committee.

7 Ordered this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2020.



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1 CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

2 Pursuant to A.A.C. R14-3-204, the **ORIGINAL** of the foregoing and 26 copies were  
3 filed this 26<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020 with:

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Exhibit A

